

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving Pedestrian-Wilmington

Wilmington (19809)- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred just after midnight.

The incident occurred on March 10, 2019 at approximately 12:14 a.m., when a 2004 Lincoln Town Car was parked on the right shoulder of southbound I-495 in the vicinity of Edgemoor Road. The driver of the Lincoln exited the vehicle and began walking southbound on I-495 within the right lane of travel. A 2013 Mazda3 was traveling southbound on I-495 in the right thru lane when the pedestrian appeared in its path and was struck. The pedestrian came to rest in the center lane of I-495 when he was struck by a 2004 Honda Element and a 1997 Chevy Astro.

The pedestrian, identified as 77-year-old **Robert E. Slade** of Rocky Mount, NC was wearing all dark clothing and not carrying any kind of illuminated device. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the Mazda3, a 34-year-old male from Bear, DE was properly restrained and uninjured.

The driver of the Honda, a 17-year-old female from Wilmington, DE was properly restrained and uninjured.

The driver of the Chevy, a 31-year-old male from Bethlehem, PA was properly restrained and uninjured.

All lanes of southbound I-495 in the vicinity of Edgemoor Road were closed for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The accident continues to remain under investigation by the

Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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